

SUGAR BEET CULTURE.

Great Interest Manifested by the Farmers in Northern Ohio.

CLEVELAND, March 18.—Great interest is being shown by farmers in the northern part of the state in sugar beet culture and the manufacture of beet sugar. A large mass meeting was held at Norwalk yesterday, and assurance was given of enough beets being raised in that vicinity to warrant the building of a much larger factory than had before been projected.

At Findlay definite plans for a factory have also been made, and active agitation to the same end is going on in many other localities. Representative Carney, of Hancock county, has introduced a bill in the legislature providing for a state bounty of one cent a pound for beet sugar, in addition to the federal bounty, two-thirds to go to the farmer. The members from the rural counties are manifesting great interest in the bill.

TRAIN ROBBER PERRY

Had Everything Prepared for an Escape, but Won't Just Yet.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 18.—Deputy Sheriff Collins Wednesday searched the cell of the train robber, Perry, in the Lyons jail and found two fine saws secreted in the mattress. A more astounding discovery was made when Perry's shackles were examined. The hemp cord which the robber had wrapped about the shackles to prevent them from chafing his ankle, was removed, and the irons fell to the floor. They had been cut clean through by some instrument duller than the saws, probably a file. No traces of such a tool could be found. Perry's clothing was next searched, and \$250 in bills were found inside the lining of his waistcoat. The robber has been very closely watched of late, but the vigilance will now be redoubled.

USED HIS GUN.

George Washington Shoots His Brother-in-Law at Dayton, O.

DAYTON, March 18.—George Washington probably fatally shot his brother-in-law, Lester Haines, Wednesday. Both men are colored. Haines some time ago broke the windows in Washington's home with stones. Since then there has been hard feeling between the men.

Wednesday morning Haines battered Washington's door. Washington was at home, and as Haines entered he fired two shots, one taking effect in the right shoulder and the other in the abdomen. His wounds are considered fatal. After the shooting Washington started to the station house to give himself up, but he did not do so and has disappeared.

Skull Fractured by a Billiard Cue.

FRANKFORT, IND., March 18.—Frank Douglass and Arthur Johnson became involved in a fight over a game of pool in the former's saloon in this city Wednesday evening. Johnson was fatally hurt by being struck in the head with a billiard cue by Douglass. Johnson's skull is fractured, and he has been in an unconscious condition ever since. There are two sides to the difficulty—Douglass claiming that the deed was done in self defense, while the injured man's friends say the assault was entirely unprovoked. Johnson is a brakeman on the Lake Erie and Western road and his home is at Walcott. Douglass is now under \$1,000 bond, awaiting the result of the injuries.

Insanity Increasing.

CLEVELAND, March 18.—The probate court here is considerably exercised over the remarkable recent increase in insanity cases. During the last fourteen days sixteen persons have been adjudged insane by the court. Seven are confined in the county jail and both the city and county infirmaries have their insane wards taxed to the utmost capacity. The authorities here say the crowding is due to deficient state accommodations in this asylum district, and that even the building of the two cottages for convalescents at the Cleveland asylum will not furnish anything like adequate relief.

Fight with Tramps.

FRANKFORT, IND., March 18.—In a fight with tramps at Hillsburg, eight miles east of this city, last night, Frank Roster, a conductor on the Lake Erie and Western railroad, fatally injured one of them by striking him on the head with a car pin. The tramps had taken possession of a boxcar on Roster's train, and when he tried to eject them, a fight ensued with the above result. The tramp is lying in a very critical condition, at a dwelling house in the town.

Prevented a Wreck.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 18.—A freight train en route for Louisville on the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis railway broke a rail near Slate Cut, and it was discovered by the track-walker in time to prevent wrecking the passenger train, which was following some distance in the rear.

One More Man Missing.

TOLEDO, March 18.—Toledo has scored its third man missing within a week. Sapher Noll, solicitor for an installment house, started on his rounds Monday morning and has not been seen since. A wife and three children are left destitute.

He Was Tapped 310 Times.

BEAVER DAM, Wis., March 18.—Azel Grover died here Tuesday, aged fifty-seven. He was the most noted dropsical patient in this country. He had been tapped 310 times, and 4,800 pounds of water drawn from him.

Schools Closed by Scarlet Fever.

KENTLAND, Ind., March 18.—Scarlet fever is causing great alarm at Remington and Goodland. Schools have been closed, and no services have been held in any of the churches during the past week.

Mr. Blaine Improving.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The only change in Secretary Blaine's condition is in the direction of a slight improvement.

Killed in a Row.

NASHVILLE, March 18.—A man by the name of Nelson was shot and killed in a row at Mossy creek yesterday.

EIGHTEEN AGONIZING MILES.

A Mail Carrier's Ride to Death between Rumpers.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 18.—It was a fearful ride that James Galbraith had on the Monon freight train Wednesday afternoon. Galbraith is mail carrier at Linden, eighteen miles out of Crawfordsville. He got the mail from the northbound train and started for the post office, climbing between two cars of a freight train that was standing on the switch. While in the act of climbing through, the train started and his legs were caught between the draw bars.

There was no brake for him to seize, so in terrible agony as he was, he seized the narrow blocks along the ends of the drawbar and pluckily held on for the awful ride of eighteen miles, his legs being crushed to a jelly as the cars bumped and thundered along over the rough roadbed. It seems almost miraculous, but the plucky man did not faint till the train stopped in Crawfordsville. He was at once discovered and taken from his place of fearful torture. He can hardly recover, but he will die with the reputation of having made the most terrible ride on record.

MEXICO'S ATTITUDE

On the Question of Reciprocity with Uncle Sam.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 18.—President Diaz, when asked to state Mexico's attitude toward reciprocity with the United States, spoke of the Grant-Romero treaty, negotiated some years ago, but which failed of ratification in congress, and said that was the reason that no reciprocity treaty was now in force between the two countries.

As to the proposed reciprocity treaty based on the McKinley tariff, the president said the facts were as follows:

Minister Ryan was instructed to confer with the Mexican government, which in turn appointed Jose E. I. Limantour to conduct negotiations. Negotiations continued about two months, when the two commissioners reached, or seemed to reach, an agreement. When the time for signing came, Mr. Ryan announced that he would first have to consult his government. That was about the end of December. Since then the Mexican government has heard nothing from Mr. Ryan on the subject.

Death of "Steeple Jack."

LEWISTON, Me., March 18.—Charles Shaw, of Portland, alias "Steeple Jack," who was killed by a fall from a steeple at Livermore Falls yesterday, was considered the most expert steeple climber in the country. He had worked in all the principal cities of Europe and America. He began climbing at the age of seven years on high chimneys in Manchester and Sheffield, England. He afterwards climbed to the top of the Cologne cathedral. He came to America when twenty-five years of age. His first climb here was the big chimney of the Clark thread factory, Newark, N. J. He never used staging, preparing a chair and apparatus by night and doing his work by day. Shaw leaves a widow and two children in Portland.

Express Car Burned.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Yesterday morning between 5 and 6 o'clock the United States express car on the Wabash, filled with express for St. Louis, caught fire from a stove near Honey Bend station, Ill. The car was a total loss, as was also a great amount of express matter. In the safe was \$30,000 in ones, twos and fives currency, consigned from Washington to the treasury in this city. The safe was heated red-hot and the currency was melted, some of it beyond recognition—all so much as to be of no value. The federal authorities think the express company will not lose the entire amount.

A Mongol Wooded and Won Her.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The marriage of Miss Ladkia Manthey is the talk of Newark, N. J. She is a buxom German girl of seventeen, and her handsome face and trim figure won her many admirers among the sons of well-to-do German residents. Fong Lee, a prosperous Chinese laundryman, saw and loved her. She reciprocated. He proposed. She accepted him. Now she is Mrs. Fong Lee. Justice Seidel married them Wednesday evening in the presence of a large number of invited guests. Mrs. Ida Yung, who married a Chinaman four years ago, acted as bridesmaid.

Fishing-Vessel Wrecked.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 18.—The fishing schooner Alice C. Hall, of Gloucester, Mass., with between 7,000 and 8,000 pounds of halibut went on the Boone ledge last night and it is thought will be a total loss. Captain Davis and the fifteen men left the vessel in two boats, two of which with six men arrived this morning. It is supposed the others headed for Nublin's Island or Cape Porpoise.

Seals Caught Away from Home.

SUMMERSIDE, P. Q., March 18.—There is great excitement at Cape North over the presence of seals. The entire resident population is engaged in catching them and good hauls are being made. It is nearly eight years since seals appeared in this vicinity. They are thought to have been carried on the ice from Greenland, which the mill weather loosened.

Schooner Missing.

TAUNTON, Mass., March 18.—The schooner Tecumseh, of Taunton, which sailed from Baltimore over three weeks ago for Boston, has not been heard of since, and it is feared she has met with disaster. Vessels which left the capes when she did have been in port and sailed again. The Tecumseh was commanded by Captain Pendleton and had a large cargo of coal.

Murder in the First Degree.

MT. GILEAD, O., March 18.—The jury on the Gano murder trial went out Wednesday night and at 12 o'clock yesterday returned a verdict finding Gano guilty of murder in the first degree.

Freight Wreck.

MILFORD CENTRE, O., March 18.—A serious freight wreck on the Big Four railroad occurred here yesterday. Four freight cars, one of which was filled with oranges, were wrecked.

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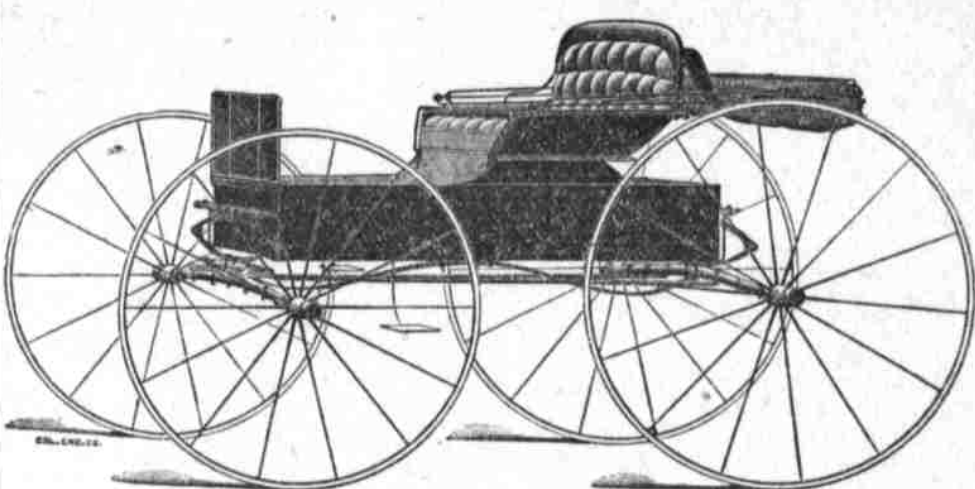
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